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CURRENT INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Counterinsurgency in Thailand

The death of Prime Minister Sarit has apparently not lessened the counterinsurgency capability and preparedness of Thailand. Immediately following Sarit's death, Thai security units were ordered to remain on alert for possible infiltration and subversion.

Both Premier Thanom and commander in chief of the Thai Army Chitti have stated that the Thai Government will remain strongly anti-Communist and will continue US-assisted economic development programs aimed at eliminating the subversive potential.

While Thanom's hold on power may be temporary, we do not at this time expect factional struggles to cause any significant reduction in counterinsurgency capability.

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